

THE SMALL HOSPITAL POSITIONS

IN urging our educational standards to the point of pressing the small institution to alter its methods by affiliating, all our efforts will fail unless two things happen,—first, unless more favored institutions are ready and willing to affiliate; and, second, if the highest type of graduates are not willing to take the small hospital positions. It has long been a complaint of training-school superintendents that they cannot induce nurses to take hospital positions. Many a woman of average ability if she had the home-making spirit and a love for her patients, would find the position of head nurse or superintendent responsible, happy, and worth while, beyond many other kinds of work. Such a position is always dignified and honorable, but its small pay causes it to be overshadowed by private duty. Yet in many ways the happiness of the two modes of life cannot be compared, and the regularity of a small income with no expenses is often better in the end than large fees with attending large expenses.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES

THE program of the general sessions of the National Conference of Charities to be held in Philadelphia, May 9 to 16, 1906, promises to be one of unusual interest. Miss Jane Adams, Hon. Homer Folks, Dr. Richard Cabot and Mr. Frank Tucker are among these who are to present papers. The nurses of Philadelphia should avail themselves of this opportunity to hear many subjects discussed that are interesting to nurses because of the close relationship that exists between many of the lines of work to be considered and nursing, and all who can attend from a distance may be sure of an enjoyable and instructive week.

EDITORIAL NOTICE

THE pleasure that all readers of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING have experienced in following Miss McIsaac's humorous description of the New Cranford "doings," will be greatly enhanced by being able to reread it as a complete story in book form.

Miss McIsaac is one of the *not* "too busy women" to do things, but along with new and untried conditions finds time to keep up her interest and make sacrifices for the JOURNAL.

Besides the original contribution she has given the Directors

permission to offer the book as a prize to any subscriber who will send in one or more new subscriptions.

The book is on sale at the office of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, 227 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia, and will be sent postpaid upon receipt of 25 cents. Foreign postage, 5 cents extra.

MEMORIAL TO MISS ANTHONY

THE women of Rochester have formed an organization to raise \$75,000 for the erection of a woman's building on the campus of the Rochester University as a memorial to Miss Anthony. It was largely through Miss Anthony's personal efforts that women gained admission to this University, and such a building would seem to be the most fitting memorial that could be erected to her memory, as she was a believer in higher education for women. The Monroe County Registered Nurses Association is represented by Miss Ida R. Palmer and Miss Lona Black.

THE "NEWS-LETTER" DISCONTINUED

OWING to lack of support the *News-Letter* will be discontinued with the April issue, until some way of maintaining it appears.

In an open letter the statement is made that the members have taken absolutely no interest in the magazine, and that there are outstanding bills to the amount of over \$200. We think there is a field for a good religious magazine for nurses, and we would like to see the nurse members of the guild take hold of the *News-Letter* and make it a success. It needs to be edited and managed by the nurses.

CHARITIES' SPECIAL NUMBER

Charities for April 7th is a bulky number and is given up entirely to a discussion of the subject of the Visiting Nurse, and is published under the supervision of Miss L. L. Dock, who is a departmental editor of that magazine. The number contains in condensed form a history of visiting nursing the world over, and the writers are principally nurses well known to our readers. All nurses interested in this subject should send for this number of *Charities*. Price, 10 cents.